

ECONOMY AND ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL 20 JANUARY 2022

BUDGET SCRUTINY 2022/23

Summary

1. The Panel will consider the draft Budget 2022/23 for areas within the remit of the Panel and the main messages from it, as identified by the Directorate.
2. The Cabinet Members with Responsibility, the Strategic Director of Economy and Infrastructure, the Chief Financial Officer (S151) and the Head of Finance have been invited to attend the meeting to respond to any queries from Panel Members.

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3. As part of the Budget Scrutiny process for 2022/23, Directorates have been asked to identify the main messages from the draft 2022/23 Budget for areas within the remit of the Panel and these are set out in Appendix 1.
4. The draft Council Budget 2022/23 was presented to Cabinet on 6 January 2022 and is also available to the Panel at Appendix 2.
5. Prior to this, the emerging pressures and challenges for services were discussed at the Scrutiny Panel meetings in November 2021, with feedback reported to the Overview and Scrutiny Performance Board in December (attached for this Panel at Appendix 3).
6. The Panel has also carried out some additional scrutiny via a Budget Scrutiny Task Group, made up of a small group of Panel members.
7. The Panel's discussions on the draft Council Budget 2022/23 will be reported to the Overview and Scrutiny Performance Board on 26 January 2022, when the Board will formulate its comments to Cabinet on the draft Budget.

Purpose of the meeting

8. Following discussion of the information provided, the Scrutiny Panel is asked to determine any comments to report back as part of the budget scrutiny process on the draft 2022/23 Budget and emerging pressures and challenges for services within the remit of the panel, to the OSPB at its meeting on 26 January 2022

Supporting Information

Appendix 1 - Main messages from draft 2022/23 Budget for areas within the remit of the Panel (presentation slides)

Appendix 2 - Draft 2022/23 Budget discussed by Cabinet on 6 January 2022 [Cabinet agenda report](#) (Copy issued to Panel members)

Appendix 3 – Panel’s feedback to OSPB on emerging pressures and challenges.

Specific Contact Points for this Report

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Background Papers

In the opinion of the proper officer (in this case the Assistant Director Legal and Governance) the following are the background papers relating to the subject matter of this report:

- Agenda for the Overview and Scrutiny Performance Board 15 December 2021
- Agenda and minutes of the Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Panel

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